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Mr. Manning M. Pattillo
Associate Director
Lilly Endowment, Inc.
914 Merchants Bank Building
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

Dear Mr. Pattillo:

I am informed that Professor Ferdinand A. Hermens of the University of Notre Dame has applied to the Lilly Endowment for assistance to carry on his research in foreign political systems.

I am acquainted with the work of Professor Hermens in this field, and several officers of this Agency have talked with him at some length about his project. We consider him to be an able scholar, and we believe that his proposed research and resulting publications would constitute valuable contributions to a better understanding of the political process in a number of foreign countries. His study of electoral methods, and particularly of the ways in which proportional representation enhances the influence of extremist elements in politics, will be useful to all persons endeavoring to advance the cause of stable democratic government.

I wish to recommend the consideration of Professor Hermens's proposal, and I hope that it will be possible for your foundation to assist his work.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Mr. Dulles:

As you recall, you wrote to the Relm Foundation on 19 July recommending Professor Hermens' proposal "Studies in Constitutional Government". Dr. Hermens is a staunch proponent of proportional representation electoral systems, a subject in which you expressed strong interest in your speech to the Pennsylvania Law Review Dinner, some time ago. Dr. Hermens' proposal has the potential of making a significant contribution to political stability in a number of countries, especially in France, where recent developments make the question of electoral reform particularly urgent.

The Relm Foundation has offered him part of his request and now he is applying to the Lilly Endowment for additional support. DD/I recommends that you sign the attached letter.



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REMARKS: A few months ago (19 July 1958) The Director wrote to the Relm Foundation recommending Professor Hermens's project. Relm has offered him part of his request, and now he is applying to the Lilly Endowment for additional support. He would be grateful for the Director's recommendation to Lilly. [REDACTED]		
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